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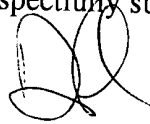
Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 4, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the additional references, copies enclosed, which may qualify as prior art. For the Examiner's convenience, the references are listed on the attached Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. A photocopy of the International Search Report, prepared by the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, is also attached hereto.

The references and information provided herewith are cited in a spirit of forthrightness and cooperation to enable Applicants to obtain that measure of protection for the invention to which there is entitlement. However, no representation is made that the listed art actually qualifies as prior art under the patent statute and the mere use of PTO-1449 is not an admission that all listed references are prior art. No representation is made that Applicants know of the best art.

Applicants note that EP 0 585 652 A2 is a German language document. No translation has been obtained; however, an English language abstract is enclosed and this abstract provides Applicants' best understanding of the full length German document.

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